

# LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 6

Statistical Data Report for February 2007

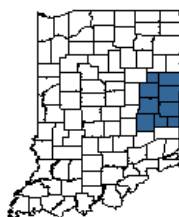
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Labor Force Estimates  
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This newsletter is a monthly report on a variety of statistical data for the Muncie MSA and Region.



The Economic Growth Region (EGR) 6 includes: Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay, Randolph, Rush, Union and Wayne Counties.

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate 2007	Rate 2006
U. S.	151,879,000	144,479,000	7,400,000	4.9%	5.1%
Indiana	3,246,027	3,073,092	172,935	5.3%	5.8%
Muncie MSA	57,037	53,539	3,498	6.1%	7.0%
EGR 6	169,191	158,445	10,746	6.4%	7.0%
Blackford County	6,746	6,285	461	6.8%	7.7%
Delaware County	57,037	53,539	3,498	6.1%	7.0%
Fayette County	10,631	9,790	841	7.9%	8.5%
Henry County	22,879	21,409	1,470	6.4%	6.9%
Jay County	11,715	11,103	612	5.2%	5.5%
Randolph County	12,731	11,738	993	7.8%	8.7%
Rush County	9,390	8,903	487	5.2%	5.5%
Union County	3,762	3,547	215	5.7%	6.7%
Wayne County	34,300	32,131	2,169	6.3%	6.8%
Muncie City	31,471	29,413	2,058	6.5%	7.4%
Richmond City	17,727	16,586	1,141	6.4%	6.8%

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING (HIGH TO LOW)

February 2007	COUNTY
1	Crawford (8.8%)
3	Fayette
4	Randolph
16	Blackford
21	Henry
25	Wayne
31	Delaware
44	Union
60	Jay
61	Rush
92	Hamilton (3.3%)



## SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT February 2007 (not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois	5.3%
Kentucky	6.6 %
Michigan	7.2%
Ohio	5.7%

## REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in February. Overall, 24 states and the District of Columbia registered over the month unemployment rate decreases, 16 states recorded increases, and 10 states had no change, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported. Over the year, jobless rates declined in 33 states and the District of Columbia, rose in 10 states, and were unchanged in 7 states.

The South again posted the lowest jobless rate among the regions, 4.2 percent in February, followed closely by the Northeast at 4.3 percent, and West at 4.4 percent. The rate in the West was a series low for that region. The Midwest continued to report the highest unemployment rate in February, 4.9 percent. No region recorded a statistically significant change in its jobless rate from January. Hawaii, Utah, and Wyoming recorded the lowest unemployment rates, 2.3 percent each. Mississippi and Michigan reported the highest jobless rates 6.7 and 6.6 percent, respectively.

## ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

[http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps\\_hiqm.htm](http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_hiqm.htm)

For the detailed news summary regarding the employment situation in the United States click on the following link: (Adobe Acrobat necessary)

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empst.pdf>

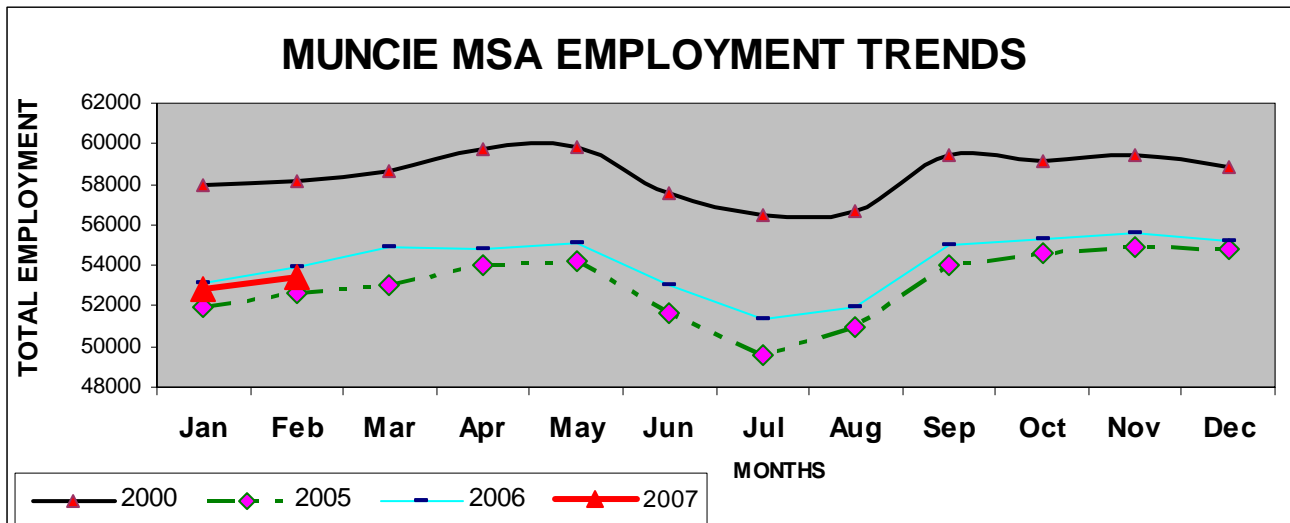
# MUNCIE MSA

## WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT



	Muncie MSA			CHANGE FROM			
	FEBRUARY 2007	JANUARY 2007	FEBRUARY 2006	JAN. 2007 TO FEB. 2007		FEB. 2006 TO FEB. 2007	
Total Nonfarm	53,400	52,800	53,900	+600	+1.1%	-500	-0.9%
Total Private	40,700	40,800	41,100	-100	-0.2%	-400	-1.0%
Goods Producing	7,500	7,600	8,300	-100	-1.3%	-800	-9.6%
Service-Providing	45,900	45,200	45,600	+700	+1.5%	+300	+0.7%
Private Srvc Provide	33,200	33,200	32,800	+0	+0.0%	+400	+1.2%
Mining & Construction	2,000	2,100	2,100	-100	-4.8%	-100	-4.8%
Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	6,200	+0	+0.0%	-700	-11.3%
Trade,Transportation,Utilities	9,000	9,200	8,900	-200	-2.2%	+100	+1.1%
Wholesale Trade	1,200	1,200	1,200	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Retail Trade	6,700	6,900	6,600	-200	-2.9%	+100	+1.5%
Trans,Warehouse,Utilities	1,100	1,100	1,100	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Information	500	500	500	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Financial Activities	2,000	2,000	2,100	+0	+0.0%	-100	-4.8%
Professional and Business	5,100	5,000	4,800	+100	+2.0%	+300	+6.3%
Educational and Health	9,300	9,200	9,300	+100	+1.1%	+0	+0.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,400	5,400	5,300	+0	+0.0%	+100	+1.9%
Other Services	1,900	1,900	1,900	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Government	12,700	12,000	12,800	+700	+5.8%	-100	-0.8%
State Government	8,100	7,500	8,100	+600	+8.0%	+0	+0.0%
Local Government	4,200	4,100	4,300	+100	+2.4%	-100	-2.3%
Local Govt Education	2,500	2,400	2,600	+100	+4.2%	-100	-3.8%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics.

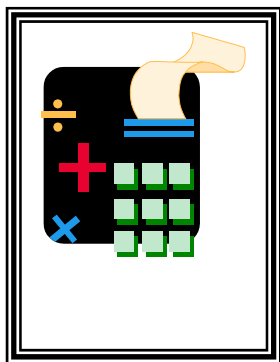


### WAGE DEMAND INFORMATION

How many people are looking for work and how much do they expect to be paid? The Department of Workforce Development [Customer Self Service System \(CS3\)](#) performs matches between job applicants looking for work and employers looking for new employees. **Wage Demand** provides the number of applicants registered in CS3, as well as the annual and median wages that the applicants expect to be paid.

As of 4/16/2007	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number of Applicants
Region 6	\$23,868	\$18,720	11,316
Indiana	\$27,174	\$20,800	141,796

## TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY LOCAL OFFICE



LOCAL OFFICE	Annual 2006	Annual 2005	Year Ago % Change
Anderson	98,085	89,047	10.1%
Auburn	132,846	125,792	5.6%
Connersville	32,995	32,803	0.6%
Fort Wayne	218,889	208,668	4.9%
Marion	72,998	77,750	-6.1%
Muncie	125,606	138,478	-9.3%
Richmond	43,050	45,725	-5.9%
INDIANA	3,234,630	3,232,282	0.1%

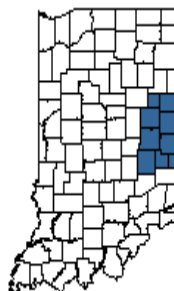
Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, UI Statics

### APPLICANT POOL ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6

Applicant Pool provides a numerical ranking of the top twenty jobs being sought by job applicants. These data are extracted from the Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3). Each week the job title list in the applicant pool is determined by examining the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. The twenty job titles that are specified most often by job applicants in the CS3 system are listed. The numbers of applicants requesting those jobs are also displayed. Report date April 16, 2007



Job Title	Number of Applicants
Assemblers (Factory Work)	4,424
Production Laborers	3,535
All Other Machine Operators	3,077
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	2,546
Hand Packers & Packagers	2,350
All Other Hand Workers	2,249
Production Inspectors, Tester, Graders	1,684
Cashiers, General	1,537
All Other Metal & Plastic Mach Operators	1,476
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,473
All Other Machine Setters&Setup Operators	1,427
General Office Clerks	1,375
Order fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,304
Machine Assemblers	1,278
Other Hand Material Movers	1,251
Packaging/Filling Machine Operators	1,217
Production Helpers	1,151
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,147
Other Inspectors & Testers	1,121
Combination Machine Tool Operators	1,119



### ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6 EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER 2006

AREA (03/2007)	Average Quarterly Employment	Average Weekly Wage
<b>EGR 6</b>	<b>127,180</b>	<b>\$580</b>
Blackford	3,820	\$537
Delaware	47,340	\$587
Fayette	7,860	\$610
Henry	13,080	\$578
Jay	8,060	\$517
Randolph	6,780	\$545
Rush	5,600	\$543
Union	1,660	\$460
Wayne	23,120	\$604
Indiana	2,852,640	\$682

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW)



## TOP 10 FREQUENTLY LISTED JOBS

*Economic Growth Region 6*

**JANUARY – MARCH**

**2007**

Customer Self Service System (CS3)

OCCUPATIONAL TITLES	MINIMUM WAGE	MAXIMUM WAGE	AVERAGE WAGE
Assemblers (Factory Work)	\$6.00	\$19.31	\$9.93
Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$12.00	\$30.00	\$19.83
All Other Machine Operators	\$7.55	\$21.19	\$11.29
All Other Machine Setters & Set-Up Oper	\$7.55	\$21.19	\$13.66
Numerical Control Machine Tool Operators	\$7.55	\$21.19	\$13.92
Hand Packers & Packagers	\$6.00	\$15.00	\$9.24
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	\$6.50	\$20.19	\$11.14
Helpers : Carpenters	\$7.00	\$10.00	\$8.22
Laborers, Landscaping & Groundskeeping	\$6.00	\$10.00	\$8.10
Nurse Aides, Orderlies, Attendants	\$7.50	\$11.00	\$9.06



### Consumer Price Index

#### 1 Month Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

#### Midwest Urban Average (All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2006	0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.7	-0.7	0.3	0.1
2007	0.1	0.7										

#### 12 Months Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

#### Midwest Urban Average (All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2006	3.6	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.3	2.8	0.6	0.1	1.3	1.7
2007	1.2	2.0										

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



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<http://www.in.gov/dwd>

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